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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Note verbale dated 23 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Hungary to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to request that the Economic and Social Council during its second regular session of 1991 consider, under the relevant agenda item, the question of the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to the candidacy of Hungary for membership in the Executive Committee.

Hungary attaches particular significance to the enhancement of the role of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and therefore wishes to further contribute to multilateral cooperation and to take an active part in finding durable solutions to the problems of refugees. Being party to the 1957 International Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and to the 1967 Protocol, Hungary closely cooperates with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which has established an office in Budapest. Hungary's joining of the Executive Committee, after active participation in its work as an observer, would mean not only the expression of legitimate concern for Eastern European refugee problems, but would also contribute to a more balanced regional representation within the Executive Committee.

Hungary remains devoted to the solution of refugee problems. Having received tens of thousands of refugees in past years, it has accumulated a

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considerable amount of refugee case-law experience and continues to be committed to the protection of and international assistance to refugees.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Hungary to the United Nations would appreciate having this note verbale circulated as an official document of the Economic and Social Council under item 18 of the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1991.